Preparing for a career in Health sciences

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Students interested in medical school, dental school, or veterinary school begin working with the Health Sciences Advising Committee in their first year. The committee, composed of faculty from a variety of disciplines, provides information about professional school requirements, counsels students regarding the choice of undergraduate courses and work experiences, and writes recommendation letters for Colgate students and alumni.

In addition, Colgate students are frequently admitted to Case Western Reserve University, Columbia University, Emory University, Mt. Sinai, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, and Vanderbilt University.

Medical school acceptance rates for first-time applicants from Colgate | 65-80% | National average | 40%
Colgate has early assurance programs with medical schools at George Washington University and the University of Rochester.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE THE MEDICAL FIELD

• National Institutes of Health (NIH) study group — a semester-long and faculty-led program for Colgate students interested in the biomedical sciences. Students work in some of the most dynamic research laboratories in the world, assisting with intensive research for approximately 30 hours per week.

• Local physician shadowing — more than 25 area physicians participate in this program which allows students to shadow professionals in family practice, radiology, ophthalmology, emergency medicine, osteopathic medicine, orthopedic surgery, dentistry, nursing, and veterinary science.

• Volunteer — train as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with the Southern Madison County Ambulance Corps.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE

• The Dr. Merrill Miller Endowed Fellowship offers financial assistance to students participating in unpaid internships in health or other science-related fields.

• The Michael J. Wolk ’60 Conference on Medical Education is an annual event that exposes students to all facets of a career in health care. Alumni and other health care practitioners share their experiences about solo and group medical practices, and working for hospitals or health maintenance organizations.

• The John A. Golden ’66 Endowed Fellowship provides summer internship funding for highly qualified students interested in pursuing a career in human medicine through a summer internship or research position.
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FROM 2007 TO 2011

NIH study-group participants who went on to receive advanced degrees following graduation from Colgate.

93%

OF THOSE,

59% earned MDs
32% earned PhDs
9% earned another grad degree

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